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SUBJECT:R/V HERO CLEARANCE - CRUISE 75-4, 14 JUNE -
21 JULY 1975

REF: SANTIAGO A-107 OF 30 MAY 73

1. R/V HERO OWNED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND OPERATED AS A PUBLIC VESSEL BY HOLMESAND NARVER, INC., 400 EAST ORANGETHORPE AVENUE, ANAHEIM,CALIFORNIA 92801, PLANS INITIATE CRUISE 75-4 ORIGINATING AT PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE ON JUNE 14. OBJECTIVE OF THIS CRUISEIS TO CONTINUE STUDY OF STRUCTURE AND TECTONIC HISTORY OF NORTHERN SCOTIA ARC. CRUISE WILL REQUIRE TRANSIT OFCHILEAN CANALS AND WILL TERMINATE AT TALCAHUANO, CHILE ON JULY 21.

2. R/V HERO IS 125 FOOT, 650 TON OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL. RADIO TELEPHONE FREQUENCY 2182 KHZ ISCONSTANTLY MONITORED. MASTER IS CAPTAIN PIETER LENIE; CREW TOTALS 12. DR. IAN DALZIEL OF LAMONT-DOUGHERTY GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY WILL BE CHIEF SCIENTIST. DR. DALZIEL AND SCIENTIFIC TEAM WILL BE WORKING PRIMARILY FROM HERO, BUTWILL AT SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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CAL SPECIMENS AND MAKE GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS. SMALL

GROUPS MAY CAMP ASHORE FROM TIME TO TIME. VESSEL AND RESEARCH PROGRAM ARE FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. DATA AND RESULTS OF CRUISE WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

3. EMPRESA NACIONAL DEL PETROLEO (ENAP), ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE, INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY, AND UNIVERSITY OF CHILE HAVE ALL BEEN INVITED BY DR. DALZIEL TO NOMINATE SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CRUISE, BUT NO REPLIES FROM THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE YET BEEN RECEIVED.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FROM GOC FOR PORT CALLS TO PUNTA ARENAS (12-14 JUNE) AND TALCAHUANO (21 JULY - 1 SEPTEMBER) AND RESEARCH CLEARANCE FOR R/V HERO TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN CHILEAN WATERS ALONG COAST FROM ISLA MADRE DE DIOS TO PUERTO AISEN. TALCAHUANO PORT CALL INCLUDES THREE WEEKS IN DRY DOCK AND OTHER ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP.

5. DEPARTMENT'S ONLY REFERENCE ON CHILEAN REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGN RESEARCH VESSEL CLEARANCE IS DECREE OF 18 NOV 68 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHED NORMS FOR GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PURPOSES OR MOUNTAINEERING IN THE FRONTIER ZONES." IT STATES THAT OUR REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH CHILEAN CONSUL HERE, RATHER THAN THROUGH YOU, AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING. DECREE ALSO STATES THAT "NORMS" FOR SUCH REQUESTS WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY FUTURE REGULATIONS, BUT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH REGULATIONS. WE ARE NOW AND WOULD PREFER TO CONTINUE SUBMITTING CLEARANCE REQUESTS THROUGH YOU, SINCE WE EXPECT THIS WOULD EXPEDITE PROCESSING IN MOST CASES, EVEN THOUGH REPAIR RECOMMENDS WE GIVE FOUR MONTHS ADVANCE NOTICE. HOWEVER, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU CLARIFY FOR US PRESENT CHILEAN REGULATIONS FOR OBTAINING CLEARANCES. KISSINGER

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